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Title:

FRAGILE WATERMARK FOR DETECTING PRINTED IMAGE

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STATUS INQUIRY - NEW PATENT APPLICATION

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Sir:

More than twenty-three (23) months have passed since the filing of the aboveidentified patent application on November 24, 2003. No Communication has been received from the Patent and Trademark Office indicating action on this application.

Therefore, applicant wishes to inquire as to the present status of the above-identified pending patent application.

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